

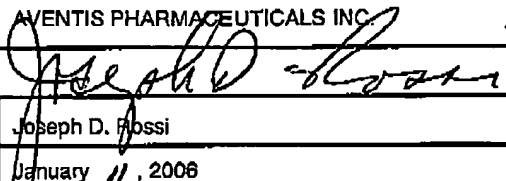
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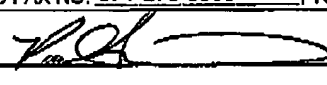
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Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows:

- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 36 of this paper.